



I. POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS



A. POPULATION

In 2000 the United States Census Bureau conducted its ten-year census count of the United States resident population. The results of this count are being released in stages by the Census Bureau, with the most recent release being Census Bureau 2000 Redistricting data. The redistricting data tables, which can be viewed at http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/2001/tables/redist_la.html, report Louisiana's resident population to be 4,468,976 as of Census Day, April 1, 2000. Although the 2000 Redistricting tables report counts by race and Hispanic or Latino Origin, they do not include breakdowns by sex or age groups. However, for years that fall between their ten-year census counts, the Census Bureau calculates population estimates by sex, race and age group. It is the 1999 population estimates for sex, race, and age group that are being used as the source of the subpopulation figures cited in this chapter.

Census Bureau 1999 population estimates report the state's population to be 4,372,035 as of July 1, 1999. Estimates for Louisiana's basic demographic subgroups (i.e. race, sex, and age groups at state and parish levels) can be found at www.dhh.state.la.us/OPH/statctr/default.htm. The state's subgroup estimates are given in the following table.

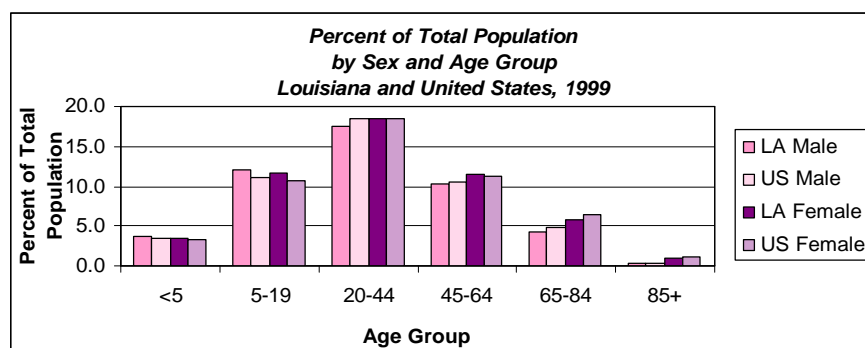
<i>Louisiana Population Estimates, 1999</i>								
<i>Sex</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Age Group</i>						<i>Total</i>
		<i><5</i>	<i>5-19</i>	<i>20-44</i>	<i>45-64</i>	<i>65-84</i>	<i>85+</i>	
Male	White	93,446	306,008	516,956	334,052	144,143	11,842	1,406,447
	Black	62,999	205,764	235,858	110,575	41,126	4,350	660,672
	Other	3,431	10,386	14,336	6,622	1,719	212	36,706
Female	White	89,869	292,764	519,641	349,480	195,078	29,502	1,476,334
	Black	61,230	204,313	273,372	144,420	61,451	9,737	754,523
	Other	3,175	9,805	14,541	7,534	2,033	265	37,353
Both	Total	314,150	1,029,040	1,574,704	952,683	445,550	55,908	4,372,035

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1999 Population Estimates

Comparison of 1999 national and state population estimates show that Louisiana and the United States have very similar population distributions by sex and age group.

<i>Percent of Total Population by Sex and Age Group Louisiana and United States, 1999</i>								
<i>Location</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Age Group</i>						<i>All Ages</i>
		<i><5</i>	<i>5-19</i>	<i>20-44</i>	<i>45-64</i>	<i>65-84</i>	<i>85+</i>	
LA	Male	3.7	11.9	17.5	10.3	4.3	0.4	48.1
	Female	3.5	11.6	18.5	11.5	5.9	0.9	51.9
	Both	7.2	23.5	36.0	21.8	10.2	1.3	100.0
US	Male	3.6	11.1	18.4	10.5	4.8	0.5	48.9
	Female	3.4	10.6	18.5	11.2	6.3	1.1	51.1
	Both	6.9	21.7	37.0	21.7	11.1	1.5	100.0

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1999 Population Estimates



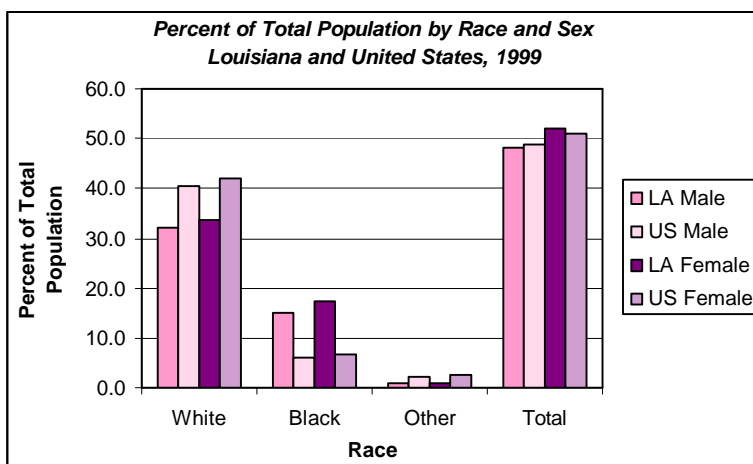
Source: United States Census Bureau, 1999 Population Estimates



Estimates of the population distribution by race, however, show the percentage of blacks in Louisiana is more than twice the national average. Blacks comprise 32.4% of the state's population, versus 12.8% nationally. Individual parishes in Louisiana range from 5% to 67% black.

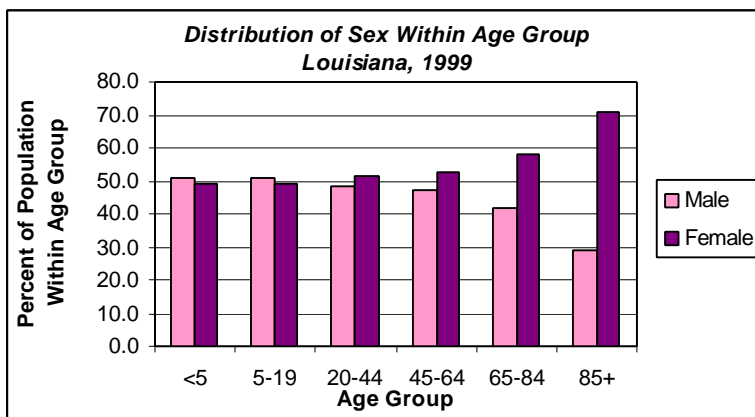
Percent of Total Population by Race and Sex Louisiana and United States, 1999					
Location	Sex	Race			
		White	Black	Other	Total
LA	Male	32.2	15.1	0.8	48.1
	Female	33.8	17.3	0.9	51.9
	Both	65.9	32.4	1.7	100.0
US	Male	40.5	6.1	2.3	48.9
	Female	41.9	6.7	2.5	51.1
	Both	82.4	12.8	4.8	100.0

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1999 Population Estimates



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As in the rest of the nation, advancing age brings an increase in the proportion of women to men. Louisiana's 1999 population estimates for the 45 to 64 years age group are 47% male and 53% female. The percentages change to 29% male and 71% female in the 85+ age group.



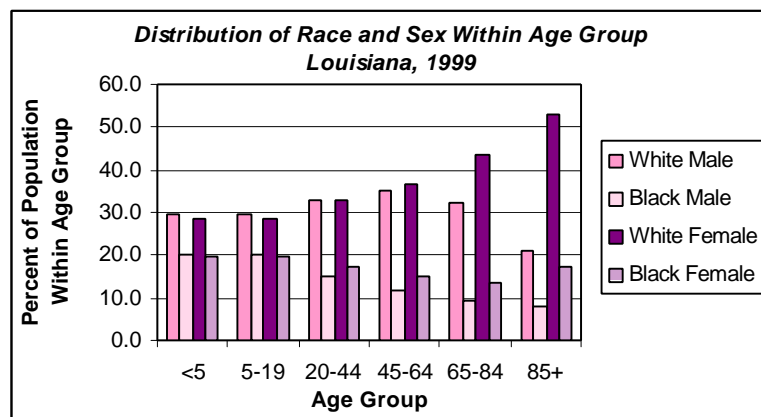
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Within individual age groups, the race/sex proportions change with advancing age. Prior to age 20, both white males and white females comprise approximately 29% of the population of each age group and black men and women approximately 20%. By age 85+, 53% of the population are white women, 21% are white men, 17% are black women, and 8% are black men.

<i>Percent of Race and Sex Within Age Group Louisiana, 1999</i>							
Sex	Race	Age Group					
		<5	5-19	20-44	45-64	65-84	85+
Male	White	29.7	29.7	32.8	35.1	32.4	21.2
	Black	20.1	20.0	15.0	11.6	9.2	7.8
	Other	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.4
	Total	50.9	50.7	48.7	47.4	42.0	29.3
Female	White	28.6	28.5	33.0	36.7	43.8	52.8
	Black	19.5	19.9	17.4	15.2	13.8	17.4
	Other	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.5
	Total	49.1	49.3	51.3	52.6	58.0	70.7

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1999 Population Estimates



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The United States Census Bureau has calculated parish-level population estimates for 1999. The changes in Louisiana's parish populations that occurred between the 1990 census and the 1999 estimates are given in the table below.

<i>1999 Population Figures for Louisiana Parishes</i>				
Parish	4/1/90 Census	7/1/99 Estimate	% Change 1990-99	7/1/99 % of State
Louisiana	4,221,826	4,408,377	4.2	100.0
Acadia	55,882	57,947	3.6	1.3
Allen	21,226	24,218	12.4	0.6
Ascension	58,214	74,049	21.4	1.7
Assumption	22,753	23,242	2.1	0.5
Avoyelles	39,159	40,710	3.8	0.9
Beauregard	30,083	32,265	6.8	0.7
Bienville	16,201	15,739	-2.9	0.4
Bossier	86,088	93,374	7.8	2.1
Caddo	248,253	241,502	-2.8	5.5
Calcasieu	168,134	180,607	6.9	4.1
Caldwell	9,806	10,469	6.3	0.2
Cameron	9,260	8,969	-3.2	0.2
Catahoula	11,065	10,905	-1.5	0.2



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Parish	4/1/90 Census	7/1/99 Estimate	% Change 1990-99	7/1/99 % of State
Claiborne	17,405	16,826	-3.4	0.4
Concordia	20,828	20,572	-1.2	0.5
DeSoto	25,699	25,146	-2.2	0.6
E. Baton	380,105	393,294	3.4	9.0
E. Carroll	9,709	8,719	-11.4	0.2
E. Feliciana	19,211	21,119	9.0	0.5
Evangeline	33,274	34,329	3.1	0.8
Franklin	22,387	21,993	-1.8	0.5
Grant	17,526	19,211	8.8	0.4
Iberia	68,297	73,425	7.0	1.7
Iberville	31,049	31,357	1.0	0.7
Jackson	15,924	15,449	-3.1	0.4
Jefferson	448,306	447,790	-0.1	10.2
Jefferson	30,722	31,423	2.2	0.7
Lafayette	164,762	187,403	12.1	4.3
Lafourche	85,860	89,463	4.0	2.0
LaSalle	13,662	13,705	0.3	0.3
Lincoln	41,745	41,129	-1.5	0.9
Livingston	70,523	91,182	22.7	2.1
Madison	12,463	12,987	4.0	0.3
Morehouse	31,938	31,242	-2.2	0.7
Natchitoches	37,199	37,198	0.0	0.9
Orleans	496,938	460,913	-7.8	10.5
Ouachita	142,191	146,672	3.1	3.4
Plaquemines	25,575	26,094	2.0	0.6
Pointe	22,540	23,440	3.8	0.5
Rapides	131,556	126,775	-3.8	2.9
Red River	9,518	9,489	-0.3	0.2
Richland	20,629	21,082	2.1	0.5
Sabine	22,646	23,812	4.9	0.5
St. Bernard	66,631	65,406	-1.9	1.5
St. Charles	42,437	48,640	12.8	1.1
St. Helena	9,874	9,607	-2.8	0.2
St. James	20,879	21,197	1.5	0.5
St. John	39,996	42,494	5.9	1.0
St. Landry	80,312	84,243	4.7	1.9
St. Martin	44,097	47,645	7.4	1.1
St. Mary	58,086	56,795	-2.3	1.3
St. Tammany	144,500	192,945	25.1	4.4
Tangipahoa	85,709	98,285	12.8	2.2
Tensas	7,103	6,539	-8.6	0.1
Terrebonne	96,982	105,128	7.7	2.4
Union	20,796	22,165	6.2	0.5
Vermilion	50,055	52,258	4.2	1.2
Vernon	61,961	51,567	-20.2	1.2
Washington	43,185	43,162	-0.1	1.0
Webster	41,989	42,797	1.9	1.0
W. Baton	19,419	20,421	4.9	0.5
W. Carroll	12,093	12,175	0.7	0.3
W. Feliciana	12,915	13,833	6.6	0.3
Winn	16,496	17,498	5.7	0.4

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1999 Population Estimates